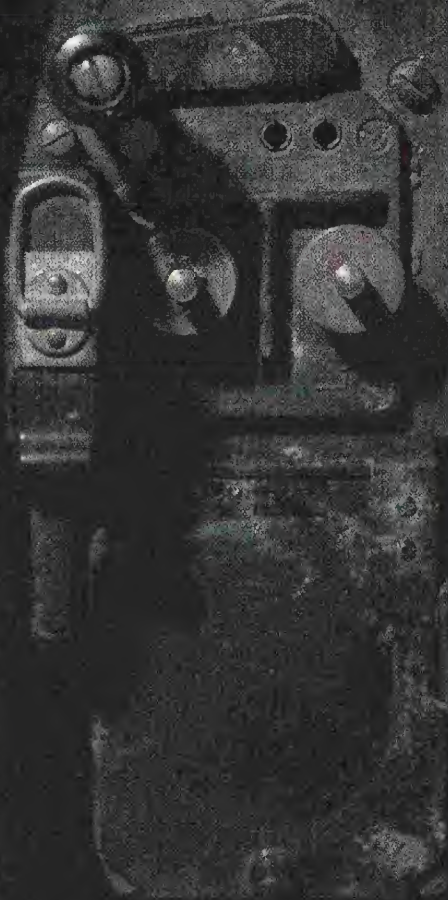


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# DIMMU BORGIR

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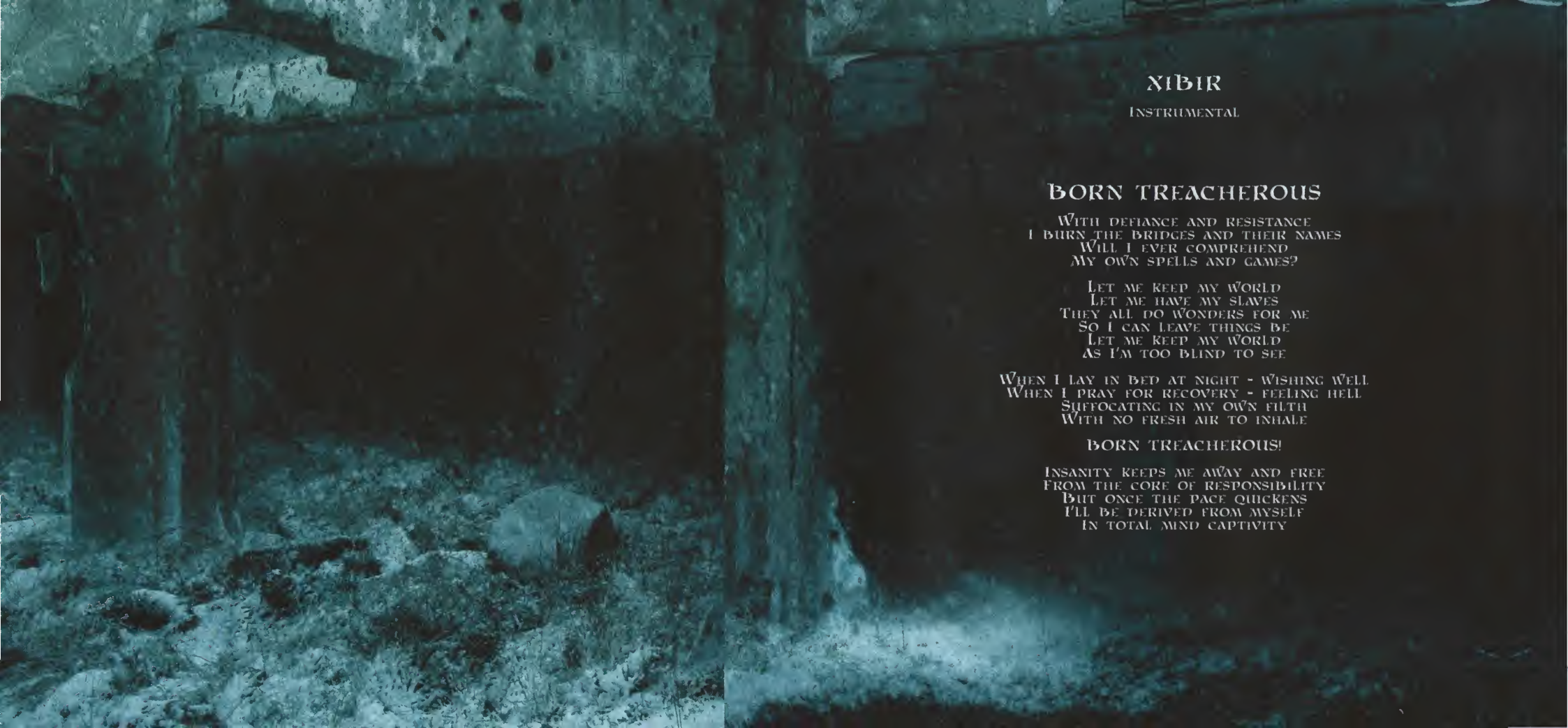












NIBIR

INSTRUMENTAL

## BORN TREACHEROUS

WITH DEFIANCE AND RESISTANCE  
I BURN THE BRIDGES AND THEIR NAMES  
WILL I EVER COMPREHEND  
MY OWN SPELLS AND GAMES?

LET ME KEEP MY WORLD  
LET ME HAVE MY SLAVES  
THEY ALL DO WONDERS FOR ME  
SO I CAN LEAVE THINGS BE  
LET ME KEEP MY WORLD  
AS I'M TOO BLIND TO SEE

WHEN I LAY IN BED AT NIGHT - WISHING WELL  
WHEN I PRAY FOR RECOVERY - FEELING HELL  
SUFFOCATING IN MY OWN FILTH  
WITH NO FRESH AIR TO INHALE

BORN TREACHEROUS!

INSANITY KEEPS ME AWAY AND FREE  
FROM THE CORE OF RESPONSIBILITY  
BUT ONCE THE PACE QUICKENS  
I'LL BE DERIVED FROM MYSELF  
IN TOTAL MIND CAPTIVITY









## GATEWAYS

THE CORE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM  
IS THE ONLY NOTION TO OBEY  
THE FORMULAE OF EVOLUTION AND SIN  
LEADING THE WAY

THE REBIRTH IS NEAR COMPLETION  
AS WE SLOWLY AWAKEN FROM SLUMBER

THE MALPRACTICE OF THE SPIRIT ENDS  
GATEWAYS!

WHEN THE GIFT IS ONCE AGAIN ATTAINED  
GATEWAYS!

NO RULES OR RESTRAINTS ARE LONGER VALID  
GATEWAYS!

WHEN THE ANCIENT FUTURE IS RECLAIMED  
GATEWAYS!

IT'S ALL THERE FOR THE EYES THAT CAN SEE  
THE BLIND ONES WILL ALWAYS SUFFER IN SECRECY  
FOR IT IS THE OMEN  
OF WHAT LIES SUBMERGED - BREEDING  
UNTOUCHED WITHIN US - BLEEDING

TO RECEIVE THE LIGHT THAT SHINES IN DARKNESS  
THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FOREVERMORE

BE THE BROKEN OR THE BREAKER  
BE THE GIVER OR THE UNDERTAKER  
UNLOCK AND OPEN THE DOORS  
BE THE HEALER OR THE FAKER  
THE KEYS ARE IN YOUR HANDS  
REALIZE YOU ARE YOUR OWN SOLE CREATOR  
OF YOUR OWN MASTERPLAN



## CHESS WITH THE ABYSS

OLD DREAMS RETURN  
DISILLUSIONED I YEARN  
AM I BURIED BENEATH SAND AND CLAY?  
THE CARESS OF COLD SOIL  
WITH LIMBS CRIPPLED TO THE COIL  
LOCKED INSIDE A NIGHTMARE WOMB

TARNISHED AND GRIEF STRICKEN  
EMPTINESS WITHIN A VOID  
LONGING FOR THE SUN TO SHINE  
TO DISCOURAGE THE DEMONOID

SALVATION!  
DARKNESS REBORN!

WE SEEM TO KEEP FADING AWAY  
HOLDING ON TO THAT LAST FINAL SWAY  
A DOCTRINE OF SELF SALVATION  
DARKNESS REBORN ON RESURRECTION DAY?

STAGNATING IN DEAD WATERS  
WHILE CIRCLING ABOVE THE SURFACE  
OF THE DEEP PALE DESERT SEA  
CUTTING THAT OTHER LIFE OF LINES

SALVATION!  
WISH WE'D NEVER MET  
SALVATION!  
AND RATHER GONE OUR SEPERATE WAYS  
SALVATION!  
ALL TIMES SPENT TOGETHER  
SALVATION!  
ARE THE DARKEST OF DAYS  
SALVATION!  
DARKNESS REBORN!













## DIMMU BORGIR

FORCES OF THE NORTHERN LIGHT - ASSEMBLE  
FORCES OF THE NORTHERN NIGHT - CALL TO ARMS  
SUMMONED BY THE SECRETS OF SACRIFICE

MEETING DESTINY ON THE ROAD WE TOOK TO AVOID IT  
AS WE ONLY COMPETE WITH OURSELVES  
LEFT IS THAT OF A CONFIDENT UNION

WHAT BRIDGE TO CROSS AND WHAT BRIDGE TO BURN  
DECEIT IS EVERYWHERE YOU TURN  
WE WEED OUT THE WEAK AND THEIR WEEP

EVOLVING - COMPULSIVELY  
BEHAVING - INCONSISTENTLY  
YET THE PULSE IS POUNDING  
RESTORATION IS THE NAME  
FOR THOSE WHO ARE LEFT IN THE GAME  
INVOCATION IN THE NAME OF OUR FLAME

DIMMU BORGIR!  
THE DEVIANTS SEEK BUT ONE PLACE  
DIMMU BORGIR!  
FORWARD ONWARD MARCH!

FORGIVE WE SHALL NOT  
FORGET WE SHALL NOT  
WITH TRICKERY AND TREAT  
ENEMIES WILL FACE DEFEAT

NO PLACE FOR DREAMERS  
AS OUR FORMATION IS LAVA  
FIRE IS WITH OR AGAINST YOU  
AND SO IT BURNS

CONSTANT RETRIBUTION CALLING  
FROM THE SHADOWS OF THREE CONSECUTIVE SIXES  
MERGING WITH THE COLD DARK VACUUM  
TALENT IS WORTHLESS UNLESS EXERCISED

"WHEN THE WORLD IS TURNING  
YOU'LL FIND YOUR TRUE NATURE  
WHEN THE FIRST IS LAST AND THE LAST IS FIRST  
YOU'LL BE WHERE YOU CHOOSE TO BE"

FORGIVE WE SHALL NOT  
FORGET WE SHALL NOT  
FIRE IS WITH OR AGAINST YOU  
AND SO IT BURNS







## RITUALIST

SHEDDING THE OLD SKIN  
PROCREATING NEW SIN  
INCUBATION AND ISOLATION  
A NEW STORM IS BREWING

RITUALIST!

SHEDDING THE OLD SKIN  
RITUALIST!

PROCREATING NEW SIN  
RITUALIST!

INCUBATION AND ISOLATION  
RITUALIST!

A NEW STORM IS BREWING

AWAY WITH OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS  
THOSE DEFICIENT IN AMBITION TO PROSPERITY  
YEARNING BUT WHAT ALREADY IS GONE  
THE REMAINS DIGRESS  
AND START ANEW

RITUALIST!

ALIGNED WITH THE CONTINUUM  
RITUALIST!

EXPANDING THE SOURCE AT HAND

ALIGNED WITH THE CONTINUUM  
EXPANDING THE SOURCE AT HAND  
ALTERING THE PAST AND THE PRESENT  
THE FUTURE CHANGES THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

TRANSFUSION OF NEW BLOOD  
CONGREGATION OF TRUE BLOOD  
WITH NO CHAINS ATTACHED  
WE'RE LETTING THE PAST REST  
AND THINGS WILL NEVER QUITE BE THE SAME

TRANSFUSION OF NEW BLOOD  
MOBILIZATION OF TRUE BLOOD  
WHAT'S LEAVING IS ALREADY LEFT BEHIND  
WHAT'S LEAVING IS ALREADY LEFT BEHIND

WITH NO CHAINS ATTACHED  
WE'RE LETTING THE PAST REST  
THINGS WILL NEVER QUITE BE THE SAME  
WHEN WE ARE IN CHARGE OF THE GAME

DISPATCHING THE CHAINED ONES  
WHILE BEING WATCHED BY THE EYES OF TIME  
EVERYTHING IS CLEARER NOW  
THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE NEXT HORIZON

RITUALIST!

MOVING FORWARD WITH SILENCE AND RAPID PACE  
RITUALIST!

SINCE THE HORROR DAWNED UPON OUR IMMEDIATE RACE  
RITUALIST!

THE VEIL HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN EXTRACTED  
RITUALIST!

FROM THE MIST THAT DIMMED OUR EYES













## THE DEMIURGE MOLECULE

SYNTHETIC RESIDUE TOUCHED UPON  
SCARS AND WOUNDS FROWN UPON  
WHILE OTHER WOUNDS ARE CLOSING  
STARS AND LOSERS REASSEMBLE  
WITHIN THY OWN ABYSS

SOUGHT THROUGH INTERNAL PYRE AND WIND  
NOT READY TO REMEMBER WHERE TO BEGIN  
FOR ANOTHER DAY IS YET TO COME  
BEFORE THE NIGHT TAKES US HOME

WHAT WILL REMAIN  
WHAT WILL LEAVE TRACE  
WHILE TRAVELLING THROUGH  
TIME AND SPACE

ARCANE PERFECTION  
ARCANE ILLUMINATION

ARCANE PERFECTION  
SWEEPS AWAY DARKNESS OF THE OLD WAYS  
ARCANE ILLUMINATION  
WELCOMES THE BIRTH OF ANOTHER

HAUNTING VISIONS DAWN UPON ME  
WHILE TIME IS STANDING STILL  
LOST FAR BEYOND THE IMAGINARY  
OUT OF REACH FOR THE SOUL





## A JEWEL TRACED THROUGH COAL

THROUGH MOORS AND MISTS OF DECEPTION  
THE UNINITIATED ARE CONJOINED  
ILLUSIVE BLISS FEEDS OBSESSION  
A FEEBLE ORIENTATION IS PROVOKED

INFLAMMATORY BONDS WILL BE BROKEN  
BEING THE SHEPHERD NO MORE  
YEARNING FOR THAT EVER GLOWING TOKEN  
IN ONGOING LORE

IMAGES APPEAR BEFORE MY EYES  
AT ANY GIVEN TIME  
BURDENED BEARING ALL THEIR LIES  
LEAPING LAUGHTER AND SECRET SMILES

INFLAMMATORY BONDS WILL BE BROKEN  
BEING THE SHEPHERD NO MORE  
YEARNING FOR THAT EVER GLOWING TOKEN  
IN ONGOING LORE

THE TREASURE LIES NOT IN REGRESSION  
BUT IN REACHING THE LEVELS OF BECOMING  
THAT HARBOURED WITHIN US FOR CENTURIES  
CENTURIES OF LONG LOST KNOWING

SPIRIT AND MATTER DEFINED  
SPIRIT AND MATTER REFINED

THE UPPER PLANES ACCESSED  
INSIGHT AND CO-ALLIANCE ADDRESSED  
SPIRIT AND MATTER DEFINED  
SPIRIT AND MATTER REFINED





## RENEWAL

DARE NOT TO INFLECT UPON MY WISHES  
DARE NOT TO OBSTRUCT UPON MY PATH  
DARE NOT TO PRETEND TO LICK MY WOUNDS  
WHEN ALL IT MEANS IS OPENING ANOTHER

PURITY COMES WITH BIRTH  
REASSIGNED THROUGH THE SLIT  
SPAWNED OUT OF THE SHADOWS  
THE LIGHT IS ONCE AGAIN LIT

FALSE REGRETS  
DEEPEST OF DESPAIR  
FALSE VISIONS  
RESERVOIR OF GRIEF  
FALSE REGRETS  
WHATEVER PRESENCE  
FALSE VISIONS  
THAT GRACED MY SPIRIT

WHIFFS OF CLARITY  
AND UNIVERSAL UNDERSTANDING  
COME AND GO

I'M TOO YOUNG AND TOO OLD  
TO CONTINUE THIS WORTHLESS FIGHT  
I'VE SEEN THROUGH THE DARKNESS  
TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF LIGHT

THOUGH I SEEK VALIDITY  
FROM THE IDES OF MARCH  
I WATCH DARKNESS  
OPEN ITS JAWS  
WHATEVER PRESENCE  
THAT GRACED MY SPIRIT  
IS FOR WHOMEVER  
I CHOOSE TO INHERIT













## ENDINGS AND CONTINUATIONS

AGES OF THE PAST  
ABRAHADABRA!  
FOREVER TO LAST

ENTER THE SUPREME UNKNOWN

FROM WITHIN THE CHAMBERS  
COMES EXPANSION OF THY OWN FREE WILL  
FROM THE OUTER ROOMS  
COMES EXTENSION OF THY OWN FREE WILL

THROUGH THE CONFINES OF TOMORROW  
WE REAPPEAR STILL  
TIMELESS AND ELEMENTAL

FROM THE ANCIENT FUTURE  
COMES THE SEAMLESS AND THE ENDLESS  
AGES OF THE PAST  
ENERGIES ETERNAL  
FOREVER TO LAST

SEEING - EVOLVING  
WILLING - ACHIEVING  
BEYOND THE NEXT WORLDS

FLEE THE CAGE OF INSECURITY  
ENTER THE SUPREME UNKNOWN  
EXPAND THE INNER AND OUTER HORIZON  
FOR IT IS AS OBVIOUS AS IT IS SHOWN







## KRINGKASTINGSORKESTRET

VIOLIN 1: ATLE SPONBERG (CONCERT MASTER), FRODE LARSEN, YI YANG,  
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STINE RYM AARØNES, MAREN ELLE

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TONE BJØRNSEN, KRISTIN KARLSSON, ANDREA MANGER,  
GIRO HILFEN, ELISABETH LIE

VIOLA: NORA TAKSDAL

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OBOE: TRYGVE AARVIK

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LYRICS BY SILENOZ

KEYS BY GERLIOZ  
BASS GUITAR & ADDITIONAL VOICE BY SNOWY SHAW  
DRUMS BY DARAY

DRUMS & VOCALS RECORDED IN DUGOUT STUDIOS, UPPSALA, SWEDEN  
ENGINEERED BY DANIEL BERGSTRAND  
GUITARS & BASS RECORDED IN LIVINGROOM STUDIOS, OSLO, NORWAY  
ENGINEERED BY RUSS RUSSELL  
KEYS & ADDITIONAL TRACKING RECORDED AT PIMP PLAZA RECORDINGS, OSLO, NORWAY  
ENGINEERED BY SHAGRATH  
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CHOIR & ORCHESTRA ARRANGED BY GAUTE STORAAS  
CONDUCTED BY RUINE HALVORSEN

ALBUM MIXED BY ANDY SNEAP & DIMMU BORGIR  
MASTERED BY ANDY SNEAP, RUSS RUSSELL & DIMMU BORGIR  
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GUEST VOCALS ON ENDINGS AND CONTINUATIONS BY KRISTOFFER RYGG & AGNETE KJØLSRUD  
GUEST VOCALS ON GATEWAYS BY AGNETE KJØLSRUD  
GUEST LEADS ON GATEWAYS & RENEWAL BY ANDY SNEAP  
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